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OCT 11, 2009 (3-10 PM)
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Workshop: Kathak Dance

About the Workshop:



Come dance from your eyebrows to your toes, and experience kathak, a classical, storytelling dance from North India. Its tradition dates back over 2000 years to kathakas, wandering bards and minstrels who performed mythological stories before village audiences. With origins as a Hindu, devotional art, kathak was strongly influenced by Persian culture in the Muslim courts of Mughal India. Today, it is a highly sophisticated classical performing art characterised by intricate footwork, expressive movement of the hands and face, rhythmic intensity, swift turns and elegant stances.

In this workshop, you will be introduced to some of the cultural background of kathak, be presented with some demonstrations of its different facets, and try out some movements, rhythms and gestures. For children, men and women of all ages.



Profile: Rucha Khisti & Anjali Mitter

Rucha has studied kathak for seventeen years, of which the last four have been with Gretchen Hayden, Artistic Director of Chhandika. Known for her grace and technique, Rucha teaches beginner and intermediate classes within Chhandika. Anjali has studied kathak with Gretchen Hayden for seven years. She regularly performs in outreach events, teaches some of the youngest children's classes and assists with adult classes. She serves as Chhandika's Executive Director.

3:00—3:40pm

Chhandam Institute of Kathak Dance, Inc. (Chhandika)
www.chhandika.org
617-797-4612 or info@chhandika.org

Other Programs in the Festival:

Music workshops, dance workshops, peace workshops, art contest, photo exhibits, delicious food, indoor games, kids activities, peace mural painting, performances, community dance (garba-dandiya) and much more..

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